

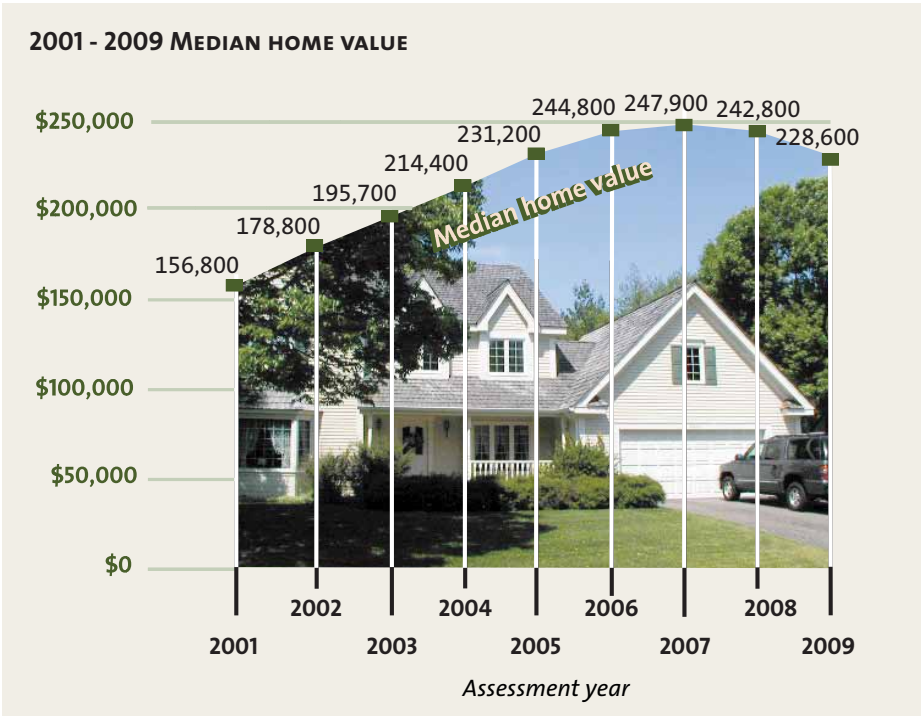
# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 2010 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

In an effort to maintain an affordable price for City services, the Bloomington City Council adopted a property tax levy for 2010 of \$44,606,281, an increase of 2.98 percent from 2009. Based on this tax levy, the City's portion of 2010 total residential property taxes – approximately 29 percent – will be \$67.55 per month in 2010 for a median value home assessed at \$228,600.

“The Minnesota property tax system is very complex,” Chief Financial Officer Lori Economy-Scholler said. “As specified by state law, property values used for taxes payable in 2010 are based on 2008 property sales.”

Some homeowners saw the value of their properties decrease and their portions of local taxes increase. This is because there is not a direct correlation between property values and property taxes as there is between sales and income taxes. Governments in Minnesota levy property tax revenue; they do not set the tax rate. In the property tax system, market value is used to create a proportionate share of the tax levy. In other words, a person's tax bill is a factor of how all other properties in the city change in value. The average residential



property decreased 5.8 percent in value for taxes payable in 2010. The overall average tax change for that property was a 1 percent increase. If your property maintained its value better than the average property, your share of the tax levy showed more than a 1 percent increase. Home sales in 2008 reflect the housing downturn and are the basis for the 2009 assessment for taxes payable in

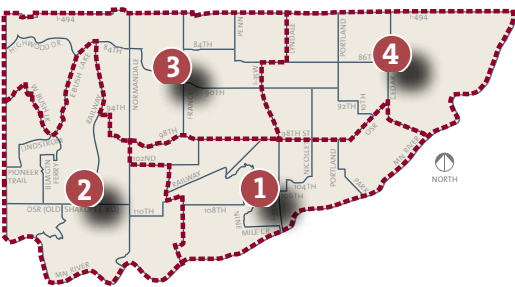
2010. Home sales in 2009 will be the basis for 2011 taxes. Total market value for all Bloomington properties was nearly level at \$11.8 billion for taxes payable in 2008 and 2009 and dropped to \$11.2 billion for 2010.

For more information, contact Chief Financial Officer Lori Economy-Scholler at 952-563-8791 or [leconomy@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:leconomy@ci.bloomington.mn.us).

# GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY COUNCIL

## MEET YOUR LOCAL CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Bloomington has a Council-Manager form of government. The City Council exercises the legislative power and determines all City policies. The City Manager, who is hired by the Council, is responsible for administrating City business and assisting in policy development. The Council also appoints citizens to advisory boards and commissions. The Bloomington City Council consists of a mayor, who presides over Council meetings, and six councilmembers, *pictured with contact*



- 1 Councilmember District I**  
Steve Peterson
- 2 Councilmember District II**  
Tom Hulting
- 3 Councilmember District III**  
Steve Elkins
- 4 Councilmember District IV**  
Vern Wilcox

*information on page 2.* The mayor and two councilmembers are elected at-large, representing all residents. The four remaining councilmembers are elected from separate districts. *See map at left.* All terms are four years.

**WEBSITE KEYWORD: CITY COUNCIL.**

- Mayor**  
Gene Winstead
- Councilmember At Large**  
Amy Grady
- Councilmember At Large**  
Karen Nordstrom

## PUBLIC SERVICE

### A LOOK BACK AT THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



The 1960s City Council with former Mayor Donald Hasselberg, fourth from the right.

On May 11, 1858 the town of Bloomington was established and the 25 organizers approved a \$100 budget. Yet it wasn't until 1958 that Bloomington changed to today's current council-manager form of government.

For an historical look at Bloomington's past Mayors and Councilmembers, visit the City's website.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: COUNCILMEMBERS.**

## WHO TO CALL?

### CITY PHONE NUMBERS



Have a question or concern and don't know who to

call? Whatever information you need – we're here to help. The following are the most frequently called City contacts.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: PHONE DIRECTORY.**

**Police/Fire/Medical Emergency 911**  
*If you cannot complete a call using 911, call 952-563-4900.*

**Animal Shelter** 952-563-4942

**Business and Pet Licenses** 952-563-8728

**Center for the Arts** 952-563-8881

**Creekside Community Center** 952-563-4944

**Dwan Golf Club** 952-563-8702

**Housing, financial assistance, health insurance, food or transportation needs, legal services** 952-563-4957

**Hyland Greens Golf Course** 952-563-8868

#### Inspections:

**Building** 952-563-8930

**Electrical** 952-563-8931

**Fire** 952-563-8933

**Heating** 952-563-8930

**Plumbing** 952-563-8932

**Job Information Line** 952-563-8810

**Mayor/City Council** 952-563-8782

**Motor Vehicle** 952-563-8719

**Noise, weeds or problem properties** 952-563-8934

**Parks and Recreation** 952-563-8877

**Passports** 952-563-4923

**Police non-emergency** 952-563-4900

**Property Information** 952-563-8722

**Public Health** 952-563-8900

**Recycling** 952-563-8750

**Section 8 Housing** 952-563-8937

**Sewer and Water 24-Hour Emergency** 952-563-4905

**Voter Registration** 952-563-8729

**Snow Line** 952-563-8768

**TTY (Text telephone)** 952-563-8740

**Volunteers** 952-563-4949

**Water – 24 Hour Emergency** 952-563-4905

**Water and Sewer Utility Billing** 952-563-8726

**Water backups and leaks** 952-563-8777